

E-GRANTS PROJECT STATUS REPORT – August 8, 2006

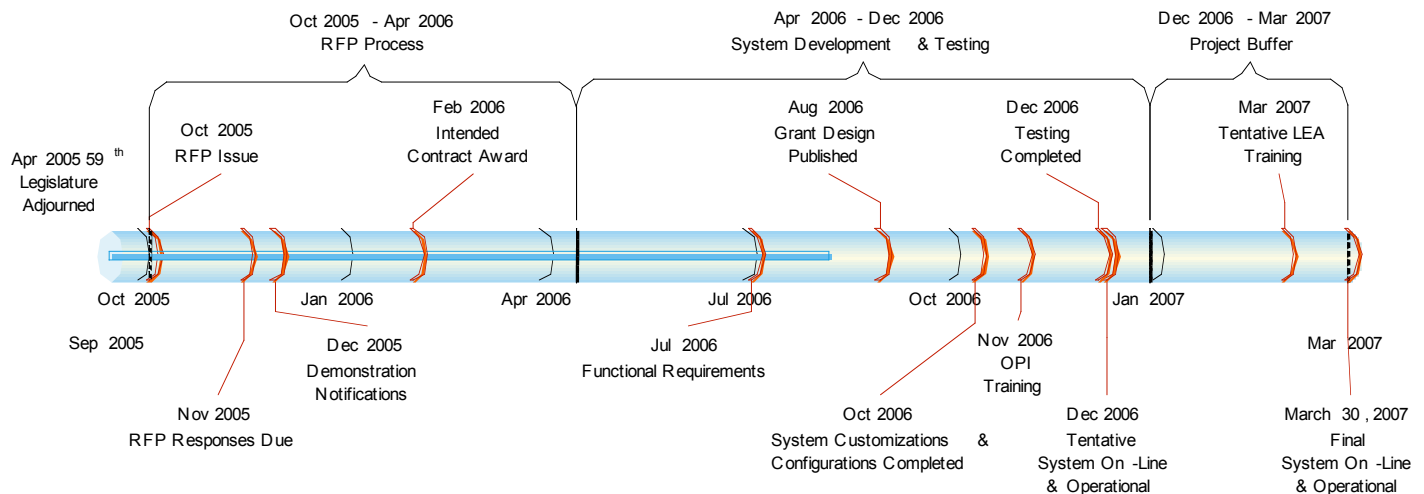
PROJECT OVERVIEW

E-Grants will be a web-enabled system for K-12 education and will support the grant application process from allocation of funds and application for funding through payment accountability, reporting to the grantor and grant closeout for both state and federal grants. E-Grants will be accessible to all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and other subgrantees via the Internet without need for installing any special software or hardware.

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) released RFP06-12000 on October 7, 2005 and entered into contract OPI06-12000 on March 24, 2006 with MTW Solutions, LLC to purchase and make the necessary adjustments to their Grants Management System (GMS).

PROJECT TIMELINE

The project timeline has been adjusted to match the updated project plan. While some milestones are slightly pushed back, the project is within the Tentative System On-Line milestone for the month of December. The Final System On-Line milestone on March 30, 2007 is the firm deadline for E-Grants to be operational.



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Validated E-Grants Web page standards and designs for Milestone/Deliverable 6.
- The initial installation of the .NET 2.0 GMS Product on the new OPI E-Grants environment (hosted by ITSD) has been successfully completed.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES TRACKING

Deliverable Name	Date MTW Submitted	Date OPI Review Due	Status
Milestone 1: Project Governance Procedures developed and accepted	4/28/2006	5/9/2006	<i>Accepted</i>
Milestone 2: Development Environment & Source Libraries established	4/28/2006	5/9/2006	<i>Accepted</i>
Milestone 3: Functional Requirements Document Version 2	6/30/2006	7/05/2006	<i>Accepted</i>
Milestone 4a: GMS Installed – 1 st Payment	5/16/2006	5/26/2006	<i>Accepted</i>
Milestone 5: OPI Test Environment Readied	5/16/2006	5/26/2006	<i>Accepted</i>

WORK FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

None

WORK NOT FINISHED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE

Design Security Integration with ePass Montana.

The ePass.NET tool kit has not been available, the OPI and our contractor is evaluating some recent information and will decide if ePass can be included now or if ePass needs to be readdressed at the end of the project. ePass Montana is a convenient and secure way to create user accounts and passwords to access electronic state government services. State Agencies may request username, but will never request a password.

NEXT STEPS

Continue the customize/configuration phase where the focus is on;

- components needed to support the Grant Designer Tool and Grant Application Mechanism,
- how the automated system should perform, and
- changes needed to current grant management business processes.

Within the customize/configure phase, the initial draft of the following grants will be completed.

- Carl Perkins,
- Title 1-A Basic,
- Title 2-A,
- Title 2-D Ed Tech,
- Title 3-A English Acq,
- Title 4-A SDFSC,
- Title 5-A Innovative,
- Title 6-A-2 Transfer,
- Title 6-B-1 SRS,
- Title 6-B-2 Rural,
- IDEA Part B, and
- IDEA Preschool
- 21ar CCLC
- Migrants

OPI staff will develop other grants not listed above once the initial E-Grants project has been complete.

Provide training for designated OPI staff on the E-Grants Developer tool, which will allow OPI to create new and make modifications to existing grants.